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SUBJ ITU WMARC - PANAMA CANAL ZONE

REFS A) STATE 115074, B) GENEVA 3097

1. ROP PROPOSAL, TEXT AS IN GENEVA 3097, WAS PUBLISHED AS CONFERENCE DOCUMENT ON JUNE 1. PROPOSAL WAS COVERED BY CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT THIS WMARC NOT COMPETENT TO RESOLVE THE MATTER.

2. ROP PROPOSAL INTRODUCED IN PLENARY MEETING NIGHT OF JUNE 3. USDEL'S PLAN TO OPPOSE ON BASIS OF WMARC'S NON-COMPETENCE WAS IRREPARABLY DAMAGED WHEN ROP DEL VERBALLY MODIFIED THE PROPOSAL TO RELATE ONLY TO MARITIME FREQUENCY LISTINGS. USDEL THEN STRESSED NON-COMPETENCY ISSUE ON BASIS THIS IS ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE AND NOT COMPETENT TO MEDDLE IN DIPLOMATIC AFFAIRS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS; SITUATION IN REGARD TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR NEW TREATY WAS STRESSED.

3. US POSITION RECEIVED STRONG SUPPORT FROM FRG, UK, ILLY AND INDIA. BALANCE OF TWENTY ODD FRIENDLY DELS WHO IN ADVANCE OF MEETING INDICATED SUPPORT FOR US WERE NOTICEABLY SILENT DURING THE DEBATE. OPPOSITION TO US AND SUPPORT FOR PANAMA WAS LED BY ALGERIA AND ECHOED BY USSR (SOFT), CHINA, CUBA, YUGOSLAVIA, IRAQ, GDR, SENEGAL, NIGERIA, MAURITANIA, MEXICO, PERU, ARGENTINA (SOFT), COLUMBIA AND VENEZUELA. PANAMA FANNED EMOTIONAL FIRES BY SAYING ROP WOULD LOOK TO FUTURE ITU CONFERENCES TO EFFECT CHANGE FROM PNZ TO PNR ON THE NON-MARITIME FREQUENCY REGISTRATIONS.

4. CONFERENCE CHAIRMAN MADE SEVERAL EFFORTS TO RULE OUT THE ROP PROPOSAL BUT WAS THWARTED ON POINTS OF ORDER RAISED BY ALGERIA. VOTE ON COMPETENCY WAS FORCED AT MIDNIGHT; QUESTION BEING "IS THIS WMARC COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH THE ROP PROPOSAL." VOTE WAS YES - 29, NO -21 (US) AND ABSTENTIONS - 13. DUE LATE HOURS, MEETING ADJOURNED AND WILL RECONVENE 1430 HOURS JUNE 4 TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL ITSELF.

5. BASED ON EXPERIENCE OF LAST NIGHT, USDEL VERY PESSIMISTIC AND FORESEES CONFERENCE DECISION TODAY TO INSTRUCT IFRB CHANGE PNZ TO PNR ON ALL FREQUENCY REGISTRATIONS IN MARITIME MOBILE SERVICE. WE WILL ATTEMPT GET CONSIDERATION OF COMPROMISE RESOLUTION AS SET FORTH IN STATE 115074 BUT ODDS ARE AGAINST US.

6. ASSUMING CONFERENCE DECISION ADVERSE TO US INTERESTS, IS STATEMENT IN FINAL PROTOCOL DESIRED? IF YES, REQUEST DEPARTMENT PROVIDE TEXT ASAP.

7. FOR S/S. REQUEST EB/TD-NELSON AND IO/UNP - KIMBALL BE ADVISED BY 0700 HOURS.ABRAMS

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